

CLAIMS

1. An animal holding pen comprising:

5 (a) a front panel, a rear panel and left and right side panels, each of the panels being generally rectangular and of a smooth polymeric material, the front and rear panels each including first and second elongated apertures of a predetermined width formed therethrough at vertically spaced locations adjacent opposed vertical edges thereof; and

10 (b) a pair of fasteners affixed to the side panels at vertically spaced locations corresponding to the spacing between said first and second elongated apertures and adapted to fit through the elongated apertures when the fasteners are disposed in a first orientation but not when the fasteners are disposed in a second orientation.

15 2. The animal holding pen as in claim 1 and further including:

(a) said front panel having an opening sufficiently large to permit a confined animal's head to pass therethrough; and

20 (b) a food pail holder affixed to the front panel at a location below said opening.

3. The animal holding pen as in claim 2 when the food pail holder comprises a platform having at least one hole formed therethrough in which a food pail can be inserted and retained.

25 4. The animal holding pen as in claim 3 wherein the platform is pivotally joined to the front panel to be movable from a position parallel to the front panel to a position perpendicular to the front panel.

30 5. The animal holding pen as in claim 4 and further including a pair of parallel, spaced-apart vertical ribs affixed to the front panel, the platform being pivotally mounted between the pair of vertical ribs.

6. The animal holding pen as in claim 5 and further including a pair of straps coupled between opposed side edges of the platform and the pair of vertical ribs for limiting the extent that the platform can be moved.

5 7. The animal holding pen as in claim 1 wherein each of the side panels includes a reinforcing strut disposed along opposed vertical edges thereof with said pair of fasteners being affixed to the reinforcing struts.

10 8. The animal holding pen as in claim 7 wherein the pair of fasteners are bolts having a shank passing through bores in the reinforcing struts and an arcuate portion on the shank adapted to pass through the elongated apertures when the arcuate portion is in a horizontal plane but not when the arcuate portion is in a vertical plane.

15 9. The animal holding pen as in claim 8 wherein the arcuate portion is J-shaped.

20 10. The animal holding pen as in claim 9 wherein the shank of the bolts are sufficiently long to permit the front panel to be pivoted relative to a front vertical edge of a side panel to permit entry and exit of a person or an animal into and from the holding pen.

25 11. The animal holding pen as in claim 1 wherein each of the front panel, rear panel and left side panel and right side panel have a reinforcement integrally formed along a top and a bottom edge thereof.